

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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### **Zelda Campbell**

This is Zelda Campbell, the lady we have had you all praying for this past year and a half. God has blessed us and her through your prayers. She has an inoperable brain tumor, and is terminal. We do not know how much more time God will give her, but she has already lived over a year longer than expected.

Zelda has had an extremely difficult life. Though she has been hurt greatly, she has learned to forgive. She has been a true inspiration and blessing to all of us at Harvest Baptist Church.



Wow! Time sure passes by quickly; another year has come and gone. God has blessed us again this year. Here are just a few things we praise God for:

- 20,000 tracks & brochures distributed
- Nineteen salvations
- Six baptised
- Seven new church members
- Increased attendance from mid twenties to the mid forties
- Second annual HBP (Holiday Bible Program) with ten saved.

It has been amazing to see the blessings God has given us by following the leading of the Holy Spirit. Besides the above mentioned blessings, God has blessed us personally in the following ways:

- Two additional supporting churches
- Health, while serving God on the mission field
- Members, with children that are Logan & Erin's age
- Twenty-one wonderful yeas of marriage

When I think back to what has all been accomplished in 2006, I am amazed. God has taken your prayers and financial support to bring God's Word to the people here in New Zealand. I often sit and wonder why God would allow us to serve Him. We know there are many that are more worthy to do His work here in New Zealand than us. If He can use us, He can certainly use you. It is our prayer, that maybe through our testimony, there is someone who would realize that, "If God can use the Bankston family, then He can use me." There is such a need for more laborers.

We would like to ask you to be praying with us as we seek wisdom from God, on how to handle future growth at Harvest Baptist Church. We have limited seating and will need to discuss options with the Principal of the school. We may need to purchase a trailer and portable seating to setup and tear down weekly.

Palmerston North, where we are located, has a juvenile prison. The men of the church have been praying about starting a prison ministry there. I am excited to see the men volunteering. Missionary Lewis Howell and his family are doing a great job while we are here in America.

Thank you again for your prayers, sacrificial giving, and encouragement. Without them, we would not be able to do the work God has called us to. We pray God gives you an awesome harvest of souls for 2007.

God Bless, your missionaries, Guy, Debbie, Logan & Erin Bankston

### **Praises**

- Nineteen salvations, six baptisms, and seven new members this past year
- Those of you who make it possible for us to be in New Zealand

### **Prayers**

- Souls to be saved this coming year
- Physical and spiritual growth
- Wisdom in leading the church
- Healing for Zelda Campbell and Peter's sister (Sandra)
- Continual health and strength for our family

